GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONNECTION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WITH DOMESTIC AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to operate international flights from domestic airports;

(b) if so, the benefits likely to be accrued to Air India and Indian Airlines as a result thereof; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to become operative ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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(a), (b) & (c) : International flights are already operating from the domestic airports at Jaipur, Lucknow, Calicut, Coimbatore, Trichy, Gaya, Varanasi and Patna. A hub and spoke arrangement has been evolved between Air India and Indian Airlines. Under this arrangement, Indian Airlines is operating about 20 flights between various interior airports and International airports at Mumbai and Delhi connecting various airports to International flights of Air India. These flights carry Air India flight number and the passengers can check in for their final destination from their initial boarding point. The passengers are provided with boarding cards for their onward Air India flight. Theirbaggage is also tagged onto their onward Air India flights. Similar arrangements has been made for incoming flights as well.

Facility has also been provided for the convenient transfer of passengers between international and domestic terminals at Delhi & Mumbai by providing a shuttle coach service at regular interval inside the airport operational area under proper security arrangements. This has benefited all domestic airlines connecting to various international flights.

These arrangements have benefited both Air India and IndianAirlines. Indian Airlines gets good income from these operations carrying international passengers. Similarly Air India also gets good passenger load from the internal points. International passengers from internal points are also benefited from such a convenient arrangement.
This scheme is already operational.